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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My church is presently using a competitive internet (and phone) provider. I am the IT person supporting the church.

Previously we used AT&T service for phone and DSL internet access. Our costs were double the competitive rate, and had to be renegotiated each year to avoid significant increases. Service was notoriously poor, with much finger pointing. I

We switched to a competitive service with excellent service and great price. The competitor provides a land-based service which relies on the "wire in the ground" leased from AT&T. If the competitors did not have access to AT&T wires, their service would not exist, and only two unpopular alternatives would, AT&T and Comcast.

Please do not change the policy which presently lets these other companies exist and compete.

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